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RE: Docket Nos. 2019-210-E (Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC); 2019-211-E (Duke Energy Progress, LLC); and 2019-212-E (Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc.) – South Carolina Energy Freedom Act (House Bill 3659) Proceeding for the Commission to Review the Community Solar Programs Established Pursuant to Act 236 of 2014 and to Solicit Status Information on Existing Programs from the Electrical Utility S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-41-40 (B)(1)

Dear Counsel:

Please take Notice that at its regularly scheduled Commission Business Meeting on Wednesday, May 29, 2019, the Public Service Commission (Commission) ordered the following: "...pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-41-40(B)1, the Clerk shall open separate dockets for each electrical utility, and within 30 days thereof, notify the electrical utilities of the requirement to update their community solar programs in a written report outlining their existing programs and any proposal for new programs within 30 days of such notification."

Section 58-41-40(A) states, "It is the intent of the General Assembly to expand the opportunity to support solar energy and support access to solar energy options for all South Carolinians, including those who lack the income to afford the upfront investment in solar panels or those who do not own their homes or have suitable rooftops. The General Assembly encourages all electric service providers in this state to consider offering neighborhood community solar programs."

Section 58-41-40(B)(1) states, "Within sixty days after the effective date of this chapter, the commission shall open a docket for each electrical utility to review the community solar programs established pursuant to Act 236 of 2014 and to solicit status information on existing programs from the electrical utilities."

(2) Within one hundred and eighty days after the commission opens the docket pursuant to item (1), the electrical utilities shall update their report on their existing programs and may propose new programs.”

On or before July 18, 2019, each electrical utility must file a report with the Commission which updates the electrical utility’s community solar programs. This report should outline the electrical utility’s existing programs and should contain any proposal for new community solar programs. Please also provide a copy of the filing to other parties in the respective dockets.

Information related to the above-referenced dockets can be accessed on the Commission’s website at www.psc.sc.gov.

Sincerely,



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